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To the Honorable Speaker and Members, The House of Representatives of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning, without my approval as to Section 6, Substitute House Bill No. 1711 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to parking places for persons with disabilities."

Statutes relating to persons with disabilities are updated to use respectful language and consistency. The term "veteran with disability" in this bill is not consistent with the term "disabled veteran" used in federal law. Therefore, in order to avoid any unintended negative consequences, I am vetoing Section 6 of Substitute House Bill No. 1711.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Section 6 of Substitute House Bill No. 1711.

With the exception of Section 6, Substitute House Bill No. 1711 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine O. Gregoire Governor